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INDIA EU FTAS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there would be delay in signing the long negotiated India-European Union (EU) Free Trade Agreements (FTAs);

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is likely to be more than three rounds of negotiations to be held in this regard;and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (d): As no timelines have been found fixed for the signing of the agreement it cannot be said that there will be a delay in the signing of the agreement. Negotiations of the India EU Broadbased Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA) are ongoing and final positions have not yet emerged. Negotiations began in 2007 with the 11th round of negotiations being held from 8th to 11th November, 2010.